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bucks. So that there is, in a sense, an add-back of that amount that was taken as a tax credit so that that doesn't come off the tax...that doesn't come off the Nebraska tax that is ultimately paid. Thousand dollars of taxable income, \$80 of taxes, \$40 of credits, and they get a total of \$960 of taxable income and that taxable income will be taxed at the income rate. So this practice is quite commonly done. It's done in a lot of other areas. You may argue that it's double-dipping but it is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...a practice that is done in a lot of other places and I'm simply asking for what is the norm in state law when I'm asking for the terms of LB 433. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Wickersham, there are no further lights on.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We're open for discussion on the Wickersham amendment, AM0669. Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm glad that filing the amendment has caused Mr. Cederburg to produce another paper for you in his usual thorough fashion. If you...and I don't disagree with Mr. Cederburg's comments, Mr. Cederburg is a very competent individual and he is correct in his presentation. He, nor Senator Landis, are correct in their advice to you that that's the way things ought to be and I don't think...in fact, I can find at least one example in which...or there are a couple of examples here in which the credits don't turn out to be deductible. For example, a reforestation credit, 50 percent of the credit reduces the basis. That's the kind of treatment that I was describing with regard to the old investment tax credit. And I, frankly, think that even if we have overlooked this particular issue in the past and perhaps now that we have the base research done we can have a good solid interim study and maybe we will go back and fix the other errors that we have made, but I see no reason to pile one error on top of another